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It is a very common, but, for all that, a just and solid Maxim, *That Happiness is founded in Opinion*: That is, a Man's own Conceptions have a greater Influence on his State or Condition in the Progress of Life, than the *Course of Events*; which, however improperly, Men generally stile *Fortune*. But, however frequent, how often in their Mouths than in their Hearts; and, when they admit it readily when the Discourse turns upon the Happiness of their Neighbours, yet do they seldom apply it as they ought; that is, to the fixing of their own. I have been led into these Reflections by observing, that the great *Evil* of our Time, is the want of considering how far a Man's Happiness is in his own Power; an Evil which betrays many young people into wild and vain Pursuits, and which drives many of riper Years, and who ought consequently to have better Understandings, into Measures unworthy of rational Beings. To make one's own Happiness one's Care, is to act prudently; to communicate one's Thoughts of Happiness to others, may sometimes not deserve that Appellation; but, I hope, what I have to offer, may not merit the Applause of the Wise, it will at least procure me the good Will of the thinking Part of Mankind, which I shall always esteem a better Purchase.

To convince one's self of the Certainty of this, and to free one's self from all manner of Doubts of Things being really as this Maxim represents it, he has nothing more to do, than to observe what a variety of Notions there are, in different Parts of the World, on this very Head. The Happiness of the *Indians*, would be the *Plague of the Hotentots*; and what is admired and sought for with the greatest Avidity in *Europe*, is shunn'd and detested in the *Northern Parts*. Heretofore, in our own Country, many willingly retired into *Cloysters*, conceiving that Happiness depended on Solitude and Retirement; now there are very few who believe there are any *Charms* of such a Sort of Life. Custom cannot alter Things; but Custom hath a mighty Power over Opinions; and, therefore, the *Arabs* place all their Happiness in violent Amours, in Countries where the rest of the *Inhabitants* think absolute Rest the very Summit of Felicity. I explain, that these Variations arise purely from the disposition of those in whose Minds they are form'd: Hence I infer, it is our Duty so to dispose our Minds, as to embrace the true and natural Idea of Happiness, which the Light of Reason easily discovers every rational Creature, as the sole Means of securing ourselves from those Misfortunes which we are so great a Part of the *World*, without being so much as pined under them.

By a true and natural Idea of Happiness, I mean, an Idea as is conformable to our own Nature, and to that Order, among sublunary Things, which is established by the divine Wisdom and Pleasure; that Idea comprehends whatever all the World agrees to be requisite to Happiness, such as Health, Moderation in respect to Sentiments, and Moderation in Point of Action. These Things concern our own Nature. As to the Order of Things, which I observe the many call *Fortune*, and the few *Providence*, we are to use them as they happen; but are not to disquiet ourselves because they do not come in that Order wherein we think they would be advantageous to us. There is nothing more common, than to hear this Doctrine preached as our Duty; but that I think so self-evident, as not to need Explanation: Perhaps it may not be altogether clear that it is our Interest, and therefore I will say a little upon this; the rather, because there are many on whom Duty would make little or no impression, and who yet would be satisfied with the possession of Events, if they could be sure it would be favourable to them. Nothing is more easy than for a Man to apprehend, that *very young*, or *very weak*, ought not to have the entire Management of their own Affairs, but such a Proportion only of them as their Power, as their Abilities will enable them to manage. Now, what *Infants* or *Idots* are with respect to other Men, the same thing are we in respect to the Ruler and Disposer of the Universe. The nar-

row Bounds within which our Understandings are circumscribed, render us absolutely unfit to direct Events, and it is not only highly reasonable in respect to the *World* in general, and to Men in particular, but it is also highly fit, and much for the Interest of every Individual, that Events are ordered by the most perfect of Beings, and not by such imperfect Creatures as the best and most capable of us are: But, as Reason dictates this, so Experience confirms it; for let us but reflect with ourselves on the Designs we have taken to conduct them, and we shall presently see that this is not all the Talent of human Nature; whereas, if we consider the Conduct of such wise Persons, as have been perfectly versed in the *Doctrine of Occasions*, and who, without troubling themselves with *Futurity*, made the best of all Opportunities that happened, we shall discover that these have been the happy and successful, and the others, sooner or later, the distressed and unlucky Politicians. It would extend this Paper too far, besides that, it would lead me out of the Way of my present Purpose, should I mention and prosecute several Examples; I will content myself therefore with hinting at only two, viz. King *Charles XII.* of *Sweden*, and King *Stanislaus*: The former ruined his Country, and perished himself in a wild Pursuit of Schemes, which he determined to execute merely because he had formed them; the latter hath been content to act as Providence seem'd to require he should, and we see that he is like to spend the Remainder of his Days in Honour and in Ease.

HAVING shewn, that with respect to Things out of our Power, the highest Wisdom of Man consists in relying cheerfully on Providence, and using discreetly the Means she offers. I proceed next, to shew the Necessity of his Circumscribing his Desires, that he may not complain of wanting Means, where, in truth, the Fact lies in proposing wrong Ends. The Circumscribing of our Desires, depends altogether on our regulating our Opinions: These are the *Wheels* on which human Actions turn, and unless we are sure that they are in Order, we can never be satisf'd of the Justice of our Conduct: As we have no Knowledge of the Time of the Day, if we are not previously satisfied that our Watch goes right; since it is not the pointing of the Hand, but the Motion of the *Wheels* on which its Rectitude depends; and its going is of no Consequence, if it does not go as it should do.

As the Circumstances of Mankind are various, so there are different Ingredients necessary to make Mankind happy, according to the difference of their Circumstances; and for want of attending to this, for want of making a reasonable Judgment of the Ingredients necessary to make their own Circumstances happy, Men are led to place their Wishes on, and to employ their Labours about such Things as have no relation to their Happiness; and, therefore, no wonder that their Wishes and their Pursuits determine in Misery and Disappointment. This is not the Effect of Chance; there is no mixture of the Unkindness of Providence in this; it is purely an Act of their own, and for which none but themselves can be accountable to themselves. In order to avoid this, a Man must resolve with himself never to be guided by the common Cry, never to pay any Respect to the high Flights of declamatory Writers, or to the Flourishes of the Generality of Poets; the Business is of too great Concern to be determin'd by the Dealers in Words and in Fancies. To have a just Comprehension of this Matter, a Man must strip himself of all Prejudices; and act constantly conformable to this Maxim, that Happiness is not annexed to this or that, but attainable in any Condition.

MEN of lively Parts, and who may be said to be constitutionally Ambitious, are apt to place all Felicity in Power and Greatness; whereas those who are of a contrary Disposition, or who stand convinced by Experience, that Ambition doth not always lead to Happiness, run into the contrary Extreme, and affect to represent Greatness as incompatible with Felicity. These are alike Chimeras, and whatever Light may be thrown upon them by Essay Writers or Poets, it is certainly a wandering one, and will lead him that follows it astray. If a Great Man is Good, that is, if he forms rational Ideas of Happiness, and employs his Power and Wealth not to mean and selfish, but to publick and praise worthy Ends, then there is no doubt

but he will enjoy as much Felicity as can be enjoyed by such a Being as Man, and in such a World as this is. On the other hand, if a Man is removed ever so far from Courts and Business, he may still be as vicious, and consequently as miserable, as if he had taken Post on the Pinnacle of State: For he may either abandon himself wantonly to low Luxury, to Gluttony, Drunkenness and Women; or he may sequester himself from Men, value himself on that Solitude which is the Result of an ill-chosen Solitude, and with a cynical Confidence bark at Pleasure, which he conceives to have less in them Satisfactory than he finds in the contrary Practice of deriding, and despising them. Still, these are not the Ways of Pleasantry, or the Paths of Peace, but the By-Roads, into which a perverse Humour and too high an Opinion of their own Abilities, betrays some passionate Men. The Sum therefore of the Cautions I think necessary on this Head, amounts to this, That as there is no avoiding the Vicissitudes of Life, so if we will but study not to make ourselves miserable, we may safely depend upon it, that Providence will make us Happy.

R. FREEMAN.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Nov. 23. Last Session a Complaint was laid before the Lord Drumore Ordinary in a Cause, Neil M'Vicar Writer in Edinburgh against James Cochran of Hill, alledging, That in Course of this Process, there had been a Violation of the Summons and Executions relating thereto. It being then near the End of the Session, his Lordship thought fit to seal up the Papers till November Inst. when they were opened in Presence of the whole Bench, and his Lordship received Direction to inquire into the Affair.

In Consequence of this, when the Evidences came to be examined, Cochran deposed, That Neil M'Vicar had prevailed with him, for the Sum of 70l. Sterl. and other Considerations, to discharge the Process, but had, at the same Time, obliged him to give his Bill for the said Sum, that in case it came to be inquired into by the Lords, he might say the Money was for Value received, and promised to cancel the Bill after Cochran should be examined. This Fact was refused by Mr. M'Vicar, but he acknowledged he had a Bill on Cochran for that Sum, which he said was granted for the Expence of Process, according to the Lord Ordinary's Interlocutors, &c.

The Lord Ordinary ordained Cochran to bring in the Money, which was accordingly done, and lodged in his Lordship's Hands; but Mr. M'Vicar having indorsed the Bill to Archibald MacLachlan, Merchant, who keeps a Billiard Table in this City, an Arrestment was laid on the Money, while he was sitting with his Robes in Judgment. This surprising Insult was immediately reported to the Bench, and Mr. MacLachlan was immediately sent for, and having been interrogate upon Oath as to the onerous Cause of receiving the Indorsation to the Bill, prevaricate in so flagrant a Manner, that their Lordships ordained him to be committed to Gaol till Wednesday next betwixt the Hours of Twelve and One, when he is to be taken out and tied to a Post to be erected for that Purpose near the Cross, and stand the full Space of an Hour, with a Paper on his Breast with this Inscription in large Characters, INFAMOUS PREVARICATOR UPON OATH IN JUDGMENT, and declared him infamous. Before Sentence was passed, it was moved in his Behalf, that some Compassion might be shewn him, in regard he had before his Oath was closed, honestly spoke out the Truth; but the absolute Necessity of chastising such horrid Offences, even with a higher Punishment, being much insisted on, a Compassion for Mankind in general prevailed. Their Lordships likewise found, That Mr. MacVicar presuming to lay on the Arrestment in the above Manner, when the Bill was only indorsed to Mr. MacLachlan in Trust, was a high Insult on the Dignity of the Court, and therefore committed him to Gaol till advising of the principal Cause, and ordained the Money arrested, with the Bill itself, which was produced in Court, to be sealed up, and afterwards disposed of as they should think proper.

How happy is a Nation that has its Property in such Hands, whose Penetration can discover the most artful Frauds, and detect Villains in whatsoever Shape it appears to oppress Mankind.

This Day a Weaver, who is supposed accessory to the Robbery lately committed by Ramsay the Soldier, was apprehended and committed to Gaol, several of the Goods having been found in his Custody.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant a Remission to the Rev. Mr. Hog, Minister of the Gospel at Caputh, who has been confined in this City Gaol ever since Sentence was pronounced against him by the Lords of Justiciary for Subornation. His Character was so well attested, and such strong Applications made in his Behalf by Persons of all Ranks, that he was thought an Object worthy of the Royal Mercy; and this Morning a Remission of his Subornation and Banishment came to this Place, which is now passing the Great Seal *per saltum*.

HOME PORTS.

Dublin, Nov. 16. On the 10th, arrived the *Thomson*, Rand, from Seville; the *Hope*, Thompson, from Rotterdam; On the 14th, the *William* and *Sarah*, Simmonds; and the *Dispatch*, Ladd, from London; the *Happy Union*, Sweetman, from Malaga; On the 15th, the *Concord*, Hutchinson, from Philadelphia; the *Martha* and *Mary*, Johnston, from Riga. No Ship had sailed since my last.

Lancaster, Nov. 25. Arrived the *Love*, Hadman, from Jamaica in 9 Weeks.

Liverpool Nov. 25. Arrived the *Squire*, Lyon; and the *Alice*, Cutler, from Virginia.

Bristol, Nov. 27. Just at past 8 at Night arrived the *King's Weston*, Martin, from Jamaica. No News yet.

Plymouth, Nov. 26. Since my last of the 22d Inst. came in the *Hill*, Gorman, from London for Bourdeaux; the *Triton*, Coates, of and from North Yarmouth for Naples; On the 23d, the *Gabriel*, Bertrand, of and for Bourdeaux from Martineca; On the 24th, the *William* and *Mary*, Damon, of and from Portsmouth for Lisbon; On the 25th, the *Joseph* and *Jane* of Amsterdam, for Hamburg from Lisbon. For this 5 Days last past the Wind S. E. The Weather has been so Tempestuous and Stormy, that several Ships have been in Danger of being dashed in Pieces, and others to break their Cables; but little Damage has happen'd.

Weymouth, Nov. 27. Yesterday came to an Anchor in Portland Road, the *Catherine*, Vezou, from Malaga, of and for Hamburg; the *Friendship*, Bond, of and for Amsterdam from St. Thomas. Wind S. S. E.

Pool, Nov. 27. Put into Studland Bay by contrary Winds, the *Vrykeydt*, Fokkes, of and from Amsterdam for Barcelona.

Cowes, Nov. 27. On the 25th, came in the *Anna* Bridgetta Maria, Moolenaar, from Leghorn, of and for Amsterdam; On the 26th, the *Rose* Man of War, Capt. Windham, in 8 Days from Lisbon; the *Cornelia*, Suneck, from Malaga for Hamburg; the *St. Ann*, Daniel, from Rochelle, for Ostend; and the *Catherina*, Cruviele, from the Cape de Verdes for Havre de Grace. Wind S. W.

Dover, Nov. 28. Arrived the *Succes*, Snelling, from St. Christopher's; the *Queen Elizabeth*, Bishop, from Barbados; the *Betty*, Gray; and the *Duke*, Carpenter, from Maryland; the *Betty*, Dennis, from Teneriff; the *Prince of Asturias*, Boswick, from Antigua.

Deal, Nov. 28. Wind S. W. Remains the *Chester* Man of War; with the outward bound Ships as in my last. Omitted Yesterday the *Zant*, Whitwood, for Carthage; the *Richard* and *Sarah*, Raxter, for Venice. Arrived this Morning his Majesty's Ship the *Seahorse*, from Virginia; the *Gibraltar*, Mickell, from Leghorn; the *Mahon*, Stamper, from Malaga. Just arrived the *Martha*, Ellwood, from St. Christopher's.

Graefend, Nov. 28. Yesterday passed by the West, Gilly, from Calais; the *Antwerp* Packet, Worthrell, from Middleburgh; the *Charming Molly*, Wilcocks; the *Sheldon*, Bird, from Jamaica; the *Stork's Adventure*, Davis, from Newfoundland; and this Day the *Henry* and *Elizabeth*, Servant, from Alicant; and the *Young Alexander*, Hollis, from Rotterdam.

Arrived at several Ports.

The *Asia* (formerly Capt. Fisher) from Buenos Ayres; and the *Neptune*, Blackburn, from Newfoundland at Milford.

The *Lusitania*, Burchley, from London at Lisbon. The *Norfolk*, Kelsick, from Virginia at Whitehaven.

The *Bird*, Hinton, from Jamaica at Portsmouth.

L O N D O N .

The *Eagle*, Capt. Moore, bound from Antigua for London, foundered about 70 Leagues from the Western Islands; the *Mallet* and Crew were taken up by the *Prince of Asturias*, Capt. Bosick, also from Antigua, who arrived the 28th Instant off of Dover.

Yesterday died Mark Frecker, Esq; who had been for many Years one of the four Principal Clerks of the Treasury; a Gentleman whose Ability and Integrity in that Office has been universally acknowledged, and whose social Virtues will make his Death extremely regretted by all that knew him.

Yesterday Don Thomas Geraldino, Envoy Extraordinary from the Court of Spain, had a long Conference with the Right Hon. Sir Charles Wager, First Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty, at his House at the Admiralty Office, Whitehall.

We hear that the Right Hon. the Lady Sundon, who has been dangerously ill at Bath, is now on the mending Hand.

The Report of the Right Hon. the Earl of Halifax being greatly indisposed at his House in Westminster, as lately mentioned in some of the Papers, is entirely false, his Lordship being in perfect Health.

Yesterday several Prisoners were removed from the two Compters, and other Gaols, to Newgate, in order to take their respective Trials at the ensuing Sessions at the Old Baily, which begins on Wednesday next.

Last Sunday died at his Lodgings at Kensington, the Rev. Mr. John Man, Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of London.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the Earl of Uxbridge, came to his House in Grosvenor's-street from the Bath.

The Lord Nassau Powlett, who has been dangerously ill at his House in Dover-street, is in a fair way of Recovery.

This Day the Members of the Royal Society will meet at their House in Crane Court, Fleet-street, in order to chuse the Officer for the Year ensuing; after which they will go to Pontack's in Abchurch-Lane, where an elegant Entertainment will be provided for their Reception.

Last Monday Night Mr. Smith of Audley-street, was robbed near his own House by two Foot Pads, masked, who took from him his Watch, a Guinea, and some Half-pence.

Yesterday Morning a Bricklayer being at work on the Top of a House near Oxford Market, fell from the Scaffolding and fractured his Skull in so terrible a Manner, that he died in a few Minutes after.

In some of Yesterday's Papers, Col. 2. l. 56. read Natural Religion for Revealed Religion.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London Bridge.	02 08	02 32

Bank Stock 143. India 173 1-half. South Sea 103 7-8ths. Old Annuity 111 7-8ths to 112. Three per Cent. 105 1-8th. Seven per Cent. Loan 112 3-4ths. Five per Cent. ditto 101 1-4th. Royal Assurance 108. London Assurance 13 3-4ths to 7-8ths. African 14. India Bonds 61. 16s to 17s. Prem. South Sea ditto 21. 13s. Prem. Bank Circulation 11. 10s. Premium. Salt Tallow 1-half to 2 1-half Premium. English Copper 31. 5s. Welsh ditto 15s. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders 6 3-4ths per Cent. Premium. Three per Cent. ditto 3 4ths per Cent. Premium. Million Bank 122.

ANY Gentleman that is disposed to plant a Vineyard, may be furnish'd with the best Burgundy Plants, two or three Years Growth; by Mr. John Emtage, against Aldermay Church-yard, in Watling-street, London.

N. B. The Plants will be sold Cheap, and must be disposed of before Christmas.

To be Lett, and Enter'd upon immediately.

A Very good Oil-Mill, with a Stove, a large Copper, a good scowering Place, Pits, and other Conveniences adjoining thereupon, which are proper and fitting for the Business of an Oil Leather Dresser, now in the Possession of Alexander Fowlerton, Oil Leather Dresser in Richmond in Yorkshire (who designs to leave off the said Business) Any Person that has a Mind to treat about the same, may apply to the said Mr. Fowlerton at Richmond aforesaid, or to Mr. John Kay, or to Mr. Edmund Robinson, both of Richmond aforesaid.

N. B. There is not any Person of the same Business within 20 Miles of the Place, and the said Mill and other Premises are in very good Repair, and well water'd, and the said Mr. Fowlerton has 21 Years to come in his Lease.

Custom-House, London, Nov. 24, 1738.

WHEREAS on Thursday the 23d of this Instant November, Mr. Edmund Horrex, Surveyor of his Majesty's Customs at Greenwich, and Charles Howell, Tidesman in the Port of London, having received information that a Quantity of Tea was concealed on board the *Endavour*, John Lunt, from Maidstone in Kent then lying in the River of Thames, the said Horrex and Howell boarded three of their Watermen, to prevent the said Tea being Run from the said Ship, till such time as they could rummage her; and about 11 o'Clock at Night there came on board 7 or 8 Men armed with Truncheons and Blunderbusses, and fell on the said Watermen, beat them down, and beat them in a very violent Manner, carried the Tea away: In order to bring the said Offenders to Justice, the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of 50 l. each, to any Person who shall discover any of the said Offenders, so that they may be apprehended and convicted of the said Offence, to be paid by the Receiver General of the Customs, at the Custom-House, London. And if there be Occasion, the said Commissioners will be used for obtaining his Majesty's Reward for any Offender or Offenders so discovering, his or their Accomplice or Accomplices.

Sign'd by Order of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs.

CHA. CARLISLE, Secy.

To be Sold by Auction, Peremptorily, to the highest Bidder,

BY Order of the Assignees, in a Commission of Bankruptcy, for the Benefit of the Creditors of Mr. William Beaumont, of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford, Maltster and Chappman, between the Hours of 10 and 2 in the Afternoon, on Thursday the 7th of December 1738, at the White Horse at Baldock in Hertfordshire, One Copyhold Messuage or Tenement, with two large Malting Lead Cisterns, Malt Kiln, Granaries, Barn, Stabling, and other Out-Offices, with an Orchard, &c. Quit-Rent 21 s. per Annum. Fine on Admission 9 d.

One Copyhold Messuage lett to Richard Gurney at 21 s. per Annum. One ditto, lett to Thomas Pope at 21 s. per Annum.

Particulars of the Premises to be had at the White Horse at Baldock, and at the Sun in Biggleswade.

The Premises to be viewed from this Day to the Time of Sale, inquiring at Mr. John Wright's, Mealman at Baldock.

THE LONDON PUNCH-HOUSE
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By LEE and COMPANY,
are to be Sold,
At their Brandy, Rum and Arrack
Warehouses and Cellars, adjoining to, and under the
London-Punch-House, Ludgate-Hill.

A Very large and curious Parcel of the best Old JAMAICA RUM, at 6 s. 4 per Gallon; CONIAC BRANDY, 7 s. 0 BATAVIA ARRACK, 11 s. 0 All which the Proprietors do warrant entirely neat and genuine.

The only true Specifick Chymical LIQUOR, For Dissolving and bringing away the Stone, whether in the Kidneys, Ureters or Bladder; and for instantly curing the Strangury, and all Heat, Pain, Stiffness, or Difficulty in making Water.

THE very first Dose of it gives perfect Ease in a Moment, even in the most racking Pains of either STONE or GRAVEL, and at once entirely frees the Patient from the STRANGURY, and all Heat, Pain and Stiffness of Urine; it dilates the Ureters, makes them slippery, and the Crumblyings of large Stones, together with Sand and Gravel, may pass freely from the Reins, and be voided with Urine without Pain; effectually cleanses the Kidneys, Bladder, and all Urinary Passages from gritty calculeous Matter; heals all internal Excoriations or Soreness of the Parts, directly takes off all Pain in the Back, and those Pains so much like the Cholick, and may be depended upon to dissolve large Stones, so as infallibly to cure that most miserable Distemper.

It gives such sudden and unspeakable Relief, that whoever takes but one Dose of it, will be thoroughly convinced of its surprising Efficacy, which many Hundreds have happily experienced to their infinite Satisfaction. It is such an agreeable Diuretick and powerful Dissolvent, that it infallibly prevents the Stone in those who are troubled with Gravel only; and for the perfect Cure of either Stone or Gravel, and all Disorders of the Kidneys, Ureters, or Bladder, occasioned thereby, is the only true Specifick Remedy that can be surely and safely rely'd upon, as it gives instant Ease as soon as taken, (even when nothing else will) and infallibly accomplishes a perfect Cure without the least Trouble, being pleasant to the Palate, agreeable to the Stomach, and conforment to the whole Body. It is to be had only at Jacob's Coffee-house against the Angel and Crown Tavern in Watling-street, behind the Royal Exchange, at 3 s. 6 d. a Bottle, with Directions at large.